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FROM: HQ USAF/CV  
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SUBJECT: Officer Developmental Education

A major agenda item from the last Force Management and Development Council (FMDC) meeting was officer developmental education (DE). The Air Force considers DE a critical component of force development. DE programs are designed to prepare officers in advance for the increased responsibilities they will face when promoted to higher grades. The Air Force uses a number of educational programs, including professional military education (PME), to meet the developmental needs of the officer corps and the Air Force. PME is a critical subset of DE and both in-residence and distance learning (DL) PME programs are available to our officers.

All officers, including "selects," are eligible to enroll in PME by DL programs, thereby enhancing their leadership and knowledge of air, space, and cyberspace power. It is worth noting that while some DE selects will attend an Air Force resident PME program, the majority of officers selected for in-residence IDE or SDE will attend a sister Service, Joint, or international school, or a fellowship/internship. Officers must weigh all relevant factors (including unique circumstances, timing, and their desire to compete for selective positions) in determining the best use of their time when deciding whether to complete PME by DL. *When in doubt, advise them to enroll and complete PME by DL when eligible.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Carol H. Chandler".

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cc: Functional Managers  
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